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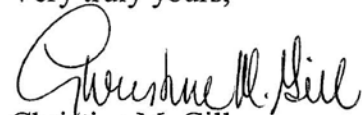
Re: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless; Status Report  
on Hearing Aid Compatibility; WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of our client, Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless"), we are hereby submitting SouthernLINC Wireless's status report on hearing aid compatibility. SouthernLINC Wireless has prepared this report in accordance with information provided by its handset manufacturer, Motorola, Inc.

We trust that the FCC will find this to be in order. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Christine M. Gill

Attachment

Status Report on Hearing Aid Compatibility		
Company Name: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless		
Address: 5555 Glenridge Connector		
City: Atlanta	State: Georgia	Zip Code: 30342
Phone: 678-443-1670	Fax: 678-443-1552	Email: hhenders@southernco.com
Compliant Phone Models: i560, i760, i836, i850, i870		
Phone Model	ANSI C63.19 Rating	
i560	M3	
i760	M3	
i836	M3	
i850	M3	
i870	M4	
<b>Product Labeling Information:</b>		
SouthernLINC Wireless has confirmed that its sole iDEN equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., has made the necessary changes to the packaging of the handsets to indicate the ANSI C63.19 rating.		
<b>Outreach Efforts:</b>		
SouthernLINC Wireless has developed outreach marketing materials for use by its direct sales force and company owned stores. SouthernLINC Wireless also offers a hearing-aid neck loop that, when attached to the handset, allows the handset to function with a hearing aid device.		
<b>Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:</b>		
The HAC-compliant handsets listed above are available at all of SouthernLINC Wireless's company-owned retail stores.		
<b>Efforts to Incorporate Hearing Aid Compatibility into Newer Models:</b>		
SouthernLINC Wireless understands that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., is pursuing the incorporation of hearing aid compatibility features into additional iDEN handsets. SouthernLINC Wireless is looking to add two new HAC-compliant models to its handset portfolio in the next two or three months.		
<b>Activities Related to ANSI C63.19 or Other Standards Work:</b>		
SouthernLINC Wireless understands that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., is pursuing the incorporation of the new ANSI C63.19 - 2005 hearing aid compatibility features in the iDEN handsets. SouthernLINC Wireless also understands that Motorola participates in ATIS working groups dealing with C.63.19 issues, authored the ANSI Project Initiation Notification System (PINS) Form, and has led the industry to examine the interpretation of T-Coil measurements.		
<b>Total Number of Compliant Phones Offered:</b>	Based on Motorola tests, SouthernLINC Wireless currently offers 5 handsets that comply with the ANSI.C63.19 Standard	
<b>Total Number of Non-Compliant Phones Offered:</b>	Based on Motorola tests, SouthernLINC Wireless currently has 8 handsets that do not comply with the ANSI.C63.19 Standard.	
<b>Ongoing Efforts for Interoperability Testing with Hearing Aids:</b>		
SouthernLINC Wireless understands that its sole equipment vendor, Motorola, Inc., in association with hearing aid manufacturers, is actively pursuing the interoperability testing for hearing aid compatibility in the iDEN handsets.		
<b>Information regarding differences in handset offerings among regions in service areas (For Service Providers only):</b>		
All compliant handsets can be purchased at all of SouthernLINC Wireless's company-owned stores and can be used throughout SouthernLINC Wireless's service territory.		